

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/783,011	NAGUMO ET AL.	
	Examiner Mark R. Milia	Art Unit 2622	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 11/29/05.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10, 12-16, 18, 20 and 21.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 11/29/05 has been entered.

Response to Amendment

2. Applicant's amendment was received on 11/29/05 and has been entered and made of record. Currently, claims 1-10, 12-16, 18, 20, and 21 are pending.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments, see pages 8-10, filed 11/29/05, with respect to claims 1-10, 12-16, 18, 20, and 21, more specifically claims 1 and 8, have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-10, 12-16, and 18 has been withdrawn.

Examiner's Amendment

4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Allen Wood on 2/7/06.

The application has been amended as follows:

Regarding claim 1, in the fourth limitation, starting "a print controller for receiving an input data signal and controlling the driving section and the memory", the term "first" should be inserted between "the" and "memory" so that the limitations reads, "a print controller for receiving an input data signal and controlling the driving section and the first memory, the print controller generating a clock signal, the print controller including a second memory".

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-10, 12-16, 18, 20, and 21 are allowed.
6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The examiner believes that it would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine storing correction values

for correcting for variations in the driven elements and wherein the print controller reads the connection values out of the first memory using strobe signals lines, the read-out correction values being stored in the second memory and then being transmitted to the driving section over the data line in synchronism with the clock signal with the other limitations as recited in the claims.

The closest prior art, previously noted as Katakura et al. (US 5864253), discloses a system that controls the transmission of data through the setting of a driver device in synchronization with an external clock signal. The system further includes a print controller that prepares bitmapped data, in response to commands and data received, used to control driving elements, such as an LED array, for execution of print data. Katakura fails to disclose storing correction values for correcting for variations in the driven elements and wherein the print controller reads the connection values out of the first memory using strobe signals lines, the read-out correction values being stored in the second memory and then being transmitted to the driving section over the data line in synchronism with the clock signal.

Therefore, for these reasons, the claims are rendered allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark R. Milia whose telephone number is (571) 272-7408. The examiner can normally be reached M-F 8:00am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kimberly Williams can be reached at (571) 272-7471. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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